Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 11, 13, 24-25, 28-29

- 4. (currently amended) The system set forth in claim ± 37 wherein:
- 2 the model further includes representations of further information; and
- 3 the interface permits the person to access the further information makes how the
- 4 further information is related to the model entity perceptible and makes the further
- 5 information perceptible.
- 5. (original) The system set forth in claim 4 wherein:
- 2 the interface further permits the collaborator to modify the further information.
- 1 **6.** (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:
- 2 the further information is a document that is accessible to the system.
- 7. (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:
- 2 the further information is a message sent to the collaborator by another
- 3 collaborator.
- 1 8. (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:
- 2 the further information is an alert that indicates a change in the model that is
- 3 relevant to the collaborator.
- 9. (original) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:
- 2 the further information is a reminder generated by the system for the collaborator.
- 1 10. (currently amended) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein:
- 2 the further information is a discussion concerning the model entity among the
- 3 collaborators.

Please add the following new claims 37-43:

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claim 37 wherein:

| 1 | 37. (new) A system for supporting management of a collaborative activity by persons |
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| 2 | involved therein, the persons not being specialists in information technology and the |
| 3 | system comprising: |
| 4 | a representation of a model of the collaborative activity, the representation being |
| 5 | accessible to a processor, the model of the collaborative activity including model entities |
| 6 | that are organized into hierarchies and provide access to information concerning the |
| 7 | collaborative activity, |
| 8 | the model entities having types including |
| 9 | a goal model entity type, model entities of the type representing goals |
| 10 | and/or projects of the collaborative activity and |
| 11 | an initiative model entity type, model entities of the type serving to relate |
| 12 | goal model entities across the model, and |
| 13 | the hierarchies including |
| 14 | a goal hierarchy whose members include at least one goal model entity, a |
| 15 | given goal model entity belonging to only a single goal hierarchy and |
| 16 | an initiative hierarchy whose members include at least one initiative model |
| 17 | entity, each initiative model entity being capable of having as children one or more |
| 18 | initiative model enties and/or one or more goal model entities from one or more of the |
| 19 | goal hierarchies; and |
| 20 | a graphical user interface for the system which the processor provides to the |
| 21 | persons, the graphical user interface permitting a person of the persons to perform |
| 22 | operatons on a model entity including creating, modifying, and/or deleting the model |
| 23 | entity, assigning the model entity to a parent in a hierarchy, accessing and/or modifying |
| 24 | the information concerning the collaborative activity via the model entity, and viewing |
| 25 | model entities in a hierarchy of the hierarchies to which the model entities belong. |
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| 1 | 38. (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in |

3 the model entity types further include a domain model entity type, model entities 4 of the type serving to relate goal hierarchies across the model; and 5 the hierarchies further include a domain hierarchy whose members include at least 6 one domain model entity, each in domain model entity being capable of having as children one or more domain model entities and/or one or more goal hierarchies. 7 39. (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in 1 2 claim 37 wherein: 3 the graphical user interface provides a display having a first part in which the 4 model entities of the hierarchy are viewed and a simultaneously visible second part in 5 which a model entity selected by the user from the hierarchy is viewed. 1 40. (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in 2 claim 37 wherein: 3 any of the model entities is capable of providing access to information concerning 4 the collaborative activity. 1 41. (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in 2 claim 37 wherein the system further comprises: 3 access control information accessible to the processor, the access control 4 information controlling access by individual ones of the persons to individual ones of the 5 model entities; 6 the operations which the graphical user interface performs for a given person on a 7 given model entity are determined by the access control information for the given person 8 and the given model entity; and 9 the operations which the graphical user interface will perform include controlling

42. (new) The system for supporting management of a collaborative activity set forth in claim 37 wherein:

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access to the model entity.

- 3 the operations which the graphical user interface performs includes viewing
- 4 model entities as ordered by a value in the information concerning the collaborative
- 5 activity to which the model entities give access.
- 1 43. (new) A data storage device, the data storage device being characterized in that:
- 2 the data storage device contains a program which, when executed in a computer
- 3 system, implements the system set forth in claim 37.